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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

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IMMUNOCHROMATOGRAPHIC METHODS FOR DETECTING AN

ANALYTE IN A SAMPLE WHICH EMPLOY SEMICONDUCTOR

NANOCRYSTALS AS DETECTABLE LABELS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2002 with an initial period of three months for response. Accordingly, an extension of time in which to reply is requested and the fee and a petition therefor accompany this response. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.